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SUBJECT: US CONTACTS IN TFAI

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1. EMBASSY AGREES THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN US EMBOFFSS FROM ADDIS AND OFFICIALS OF THE UNION NATIONALE POUR L'INDEPENDENCE (UNI) WOULD BE VALUABLE. SUCH CONTACTS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE MADE AS PART OF DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THE DIVERSE POLITICAL FACTIONS IN DJIBOUTI (AFAR OPPOSITION TO ALI AREF, LPAI LEADERS, SOMALI LEADERS OF DIFFERENT STRIPES, ETC.).

2. GIVEN THE CURRENT WEAKNESS OF ALI AREF'S POSITION, WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR US OFFICIALS TO BECOME UNIQUELY AND PREMATURELY OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH HIM OR THE UNI. IN MAKING OUR ROUNDS WE WILL SEEK TO AVOID DOING SO.

3. EMBOFF TENTATIVELY PLANS ANOTHER VISIT TO DJIBOUTI IN LATE FEBRUARY. HE WILL, UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS
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OTHERWISE, ATTEMPT INTER ALIA TO MEET ELABE, FARAH, OR

DAOUDI AT THAT TIME.
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